



PROCLAMATION

RED DRESS DAY

May 5, 2026

- WHEREAS: May 5th is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) in Canada and the United States; and
- WHEREAS: this national day, also known as “Red Dress Day”, was inspired by Metis artist, Jaime Black who used red dresses displayed to address the disproportionate rates of missing and murdered Indigenous woman, girls and two-spirit people; and
- WHEREAS: today many Indigenous People continue to experience systemic and individual discrimination at highly disproportionate levels of life threatening and gender-based violence, trauma, and exploitation; and
- WHEREAS: Red Dress Day is an opportunity to honour the memory of these women, girls and two-spirit people, acknowledge those who are still missing, and support the survivors and family members of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples.
- WHEREAS: surrounding Indigenous communities continue to experience the loss of loved ones and we stand in solidarity with the families across Canada who have missing, or murdered family members.
- NOW THEREFORE: I, Reeve, Craig Lukinuk, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2026, as Red Dress Day in Smoky Lake County.